

2 *MEMOIRS OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE.*

ror Alexander, in answer to their proposition, replied that the Regency was impossible, as submissions to tin* Provisional Government were⁴ pouring in from all parts, and that if the army had formed contrary wishes those should have been sooner made known. "Sire," observed Maedonald, "that was impossible, as none of the Marshals were in Paris, and besides, who could foresee tin* turn which affairs have taken? Could we imagine that an nnfounded alarm would have removed from Kssonne the corps of the Duke of Ka[^]usa, who has this moment left us to brintf his troops back to order '.*' These words produced no- change in the determination of the sovts reigns, who would hear of nothing but the unconditional abdication of Napoleon. Before the Marshals took leave of the Emperor Alexander they solicited an armistice of forty-eight hours, which time they said was indispensable to ne.go-tiate the art of abdication with Napoleon. This request was granted without hesitation, and tin* Emperor Alexander, showing Maedonaid a map of the environs of Paris, courteously presented him with a jteneil, saying "Here, Marshal, mark yourself the limits to !>«•• observed by tin* two armies." — "No, Sire," replied Maedonald, ** we an* the* conquered party, and it is for you to mark tin* line of demarcation," Alexander determined that the rij[^]ht bank of the Heine .should be occupied by the Allied troops, and the left bank by tin* French; but it was observed that this arrangement would, be attended with 5neonve.nic*ne.e_t as it would cut Parin in two, and it wan agraed that the line nhould turn Paris. I have been informed that on a map *w*nt to tint Atifttrian staff to acquaint Prince Schwartzenborg with tin* limits definitively agreed on, Fontainebleau, the Kmperor'H lioiulquarterK, by KOIH« artful nieanH included within th»» line*. Tin* Atistrians Jii»ti»cl HO implicitly on thin direction that Marshal M'awlomild ohligtnl to complain on tlie subject to Alexander, who n*ntoved all ohstiud^K. When, in ciiMitH»irig tht! ijji! »»tic>ii of the aklii»atio« conformably with the inHtructionK he liad n»ei*lvr*d, itfacdonald observed to the Kni|w-wr Alex»nd^{**}r that Napnlwm winhed fo^ nothing for himHoif, "Anrnm^ Itiin^{?>} replied Alexander, "that a provision shall

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